

# The Journey

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2 Peter 1:3-11

Eph. 4:11-16

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who *hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

Hebrews 10:14 ... by one sacrifice he (*Jesus*) has *made perfect forever* those who are *being made holy.*

***As a new creation in Christ we are on a journey of transformation, change, and growth to become like Jesus***

2 Corinthians 3:18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can *see and reflect the glory of the Lord.* And the Lord—who is the Spirit—*makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

Ephesians 4:15 ... we will speak the truth in love, *growing in every way more and more like Christ*, who is the head of his body, the church.

2 Peter 1:8 The more you *grow like this*, the more *productive and useful you will be* in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **We grow in grace**

2 Peter 3:18 ... you must *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* ...

- **We grow in revelation**

Colossians 1:10 ...we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work,

*growing in the knowledge of God,*

Ephesians 1:16-17 I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight *so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.*

- **We grow in relationship**

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because *your faith is growing more and more*, and *the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.*

- **We are growing to be like Jesus**

Ephesians 4:13 ... we will be *mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

**Galatians 4:19** Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue *until Christ is fully developed in your lives.*

## Essentials for the road

### 1. The Holy Spirit

**John 15:26** "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, **he will testify about me.**  
**John 16:13** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you into all truth.** ..

Wrong perceptions about God, life, ourselves rob grace from our lives  
We are on a journey to change our perceptions  
We are learning to "*walk in the truth*"

### 2. The Word of God

**1 Peter 2:2** as newborn babes, desire the *pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, NKJV*

**2 Timothy 3:16** Every part of Scripture is **God-breathed and useful** one way or another—**showing us truth**, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, **training us to live God's way.** Msg **Ephesians 4:15-16** Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

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### 4. The road

**James 1:2-4** Consider it pure joy, my brothers, **whenever you face trials of many kinds**, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its **work so that you may be mature and complete**, not lacking anything.

### 5. Your effort

**2 Peter 1:5-8** In view of all this, **make every effort to respond to God's promises.** Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. **The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**